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FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Pleasantville Neighbors,

As we look toward the end of the winter season, we're cautiously optimistic that COVID risks are easing. At this writing, we're planning for the spring and summer events that are great traditions here – Pleasantville Day, the Memorial Day ceremonies, the Fire Department parade, and the Pleasantville Music Festival. Please help sustain this good progress with vaccinations and boosters.

Among many stories of Pleasantville residents and businesses helping one another in this difficult time, I send a special thanks to our residents who work in healthcare – and to Phelps and Northern Westchester, our two Northwell Health hospitals that have provided our community with Covid information, care, testing and immunizations.

Progress continues on many fronts. We're very close to having a contract for Manville Road improvements between Grant and Tompkins, and that work is expected to launch this spring. Design drawings for a new pool are in the works – now expanded to address the storm water issues that we saw during Ida. That storm affected several neighborhoods,

and we're working with them to see what steps might reduce future flood risks.

The Memorial Plaza parking area is being modestly revised to improve access, new lighting is completed, and electric-vehicle charging stations are soon to arrive. I send a shout-out to our Public Works team, which accomplished much of this work in-house.

Information on all of these ventures can be found at Pleasantville-ny.gov. While on the site, I encourage you to sign up for our e-mail news feed and for the Code-Red emergency notification system. You can find the sign-up links in the left column of the home page.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our community events—and downtown in our stores and restaurants. We're emerging from the past two years in a strong position, due in large part to the spirit of Pleasantville folks who see a need...and answer it.

Thanks to all!

Peter Scherer, Mayor

A CONVERSATION WITH PLEASANTVILLE POLICE CHIEF ERIK GRUTZNER

The Village of Pleasantville Police Department strives each day to fulfill its mission to preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the community. With 23 officers led by Chief Erik Grutzner, the department has long been a strong community partner and a trusted resource for Village residents. Yet in recent years, the department has also committed to a number of changes (and enhancements) to best meet the needs of the community and align with the NY State mandate that all departments submit a Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative. Chief Grutzner has been with the PD for 28 years and recently reflected on the Department's evolution and relationship with the Village.

"Changes in the department reflect the changes in the profession. We've had the opportunity to reflect and grow. There's much more transparency and interaction with the community, which is extremely important," said Chief Grutzner. "Our officers are more engaged with people on a day-to-day basis and open to input from our community."

One of these areas of engagement is the newly formed **Police Communication, Community Outreach and Engagement Committee**, a direct outcome of the Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative. The committee is composed of a diverse group of people who bring different perspectives and areas of expertise. Included in the initial work being

done by the group is reviewing the department's Reform Initiatives to ensure that the department is on track in implementing the recommendations. Referring to the Committee, Chief Grutzner said: "It's been a true collaboration and an opportunity to hear from people about what they think is important and what we can do to work better together."

One of the initiatives of the Committee is the Village's new First Responders Registry Form. The Registry, which is completely voluntary, allows officers to have a better understanding of residents with medical or mental health issues so that they can take this information into account if called to the home. The Registry even allows the officers to know if pets are in the home so that they have a full picture. Residents can add their information to the First Responders Registry Form [HERE](https://www.pleasantville-ny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1076/f/uploads/pleasantville_pd_first_responders_registry_form.pdf) (https://www.pleasantville-ny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1076/f/uploads/pleasantville_pd_first_responders_registry_form.pdf). A Spanish version of the form is available [HERE](https://www.pleasantville-ny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1076/f/uploads/translated_copy_of_spanish_pleasantville_pd_first_responders_registry_form_1.pdf). (https://www.pleasantville-ny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1076/f/uploads/translated_copy_of_spanish_pleasantville_pd_first_responders_registry_form_1.pdf)

Chief Grutzner also discussed the importance of maintaining a strong relationship between the Police Department and the Pleasantville



School District. "We are in constant communication with the school district, not only for safety reasons but also for our students to have a positive relationship with our Officers," he said.

The department met with the new District Superintendent, Dr. Tina DeSa, who echoed the importance of a true partnership between the police and students, parents, staff and administrators. More initiatives will be announced in the coming weeks and months.

Another way the Department is communicating is through the Weekly Police Blotter. The Blotter is shared with residents via the Village emails and website. It outlines reports filed from the week prior.

Residents who are interested in learning more about the Village Police Department can visit the website for more information. The Pleasantville Police Department serves our community 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Department is always working to communicate better and be more accessible to the people they serve. Chief Grutzner adds, "People can call or email me with any concerns or just to say hello. We are proud to serve Pleasantville and look forward to continuing to foster relationships with the residents of this wonderful village."

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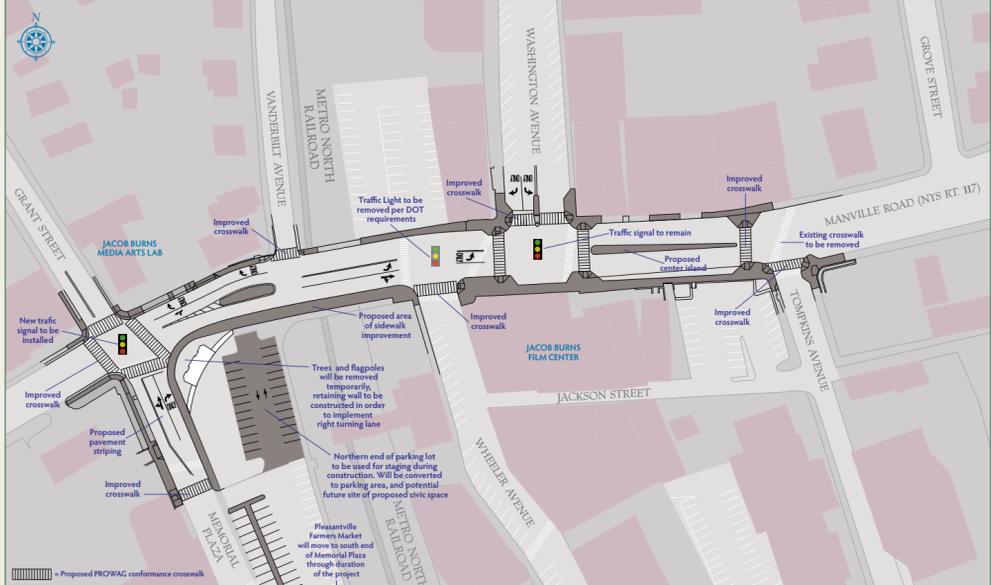
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MANVILLE ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Bids for the project to improve pedestrian safety on Manville Road from Memorial Plaza to Tompkins Avenue were received in January, and the low bid came in below cost estimates. The project is supported by \$1.6 million in grant funds that will be reimbursed to the Village. Work is expected to begin in the spring, with more information on the timeline expected. Material availability may affect the project's schedule.

The rendering below shows the work that will be done for the next several months to improve pedestrian circulation in downtown Pleasantville. Work will include sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, signal enhancements, speed calming measures, and the removal of the Memorial Plaza slip lane. In order to accommodate work around the Memorial Plaza Monuments, which will not be touched, the flag poles will be temporarily removed for public safety.

As the contractor mobilizes for the project, more detailed information will be released. Anyone with questions regarding the project can call 914-769-1940 or email info@pleasantville-ny.gov.



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HAPPENING AROUND THE VILLAGE



Vendors hard at work at the Pleasantville Farmers Market. Our Market is consistently rated one of the Best of Westchester.



Our DPW worked very hard this season to keep our roads safe.



Local Photographer Mary-Jasmin Yotos (@trekkinglens) captured the season beautifully in our Village.

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NEVER MISS YOUR WASTE COLLECTION DAY AGAIN!



The Village of Pleasantville and Sustainable Westchester recently launched their mobile app, Recycle Right Westchester, to make it even easier for residents to stay connected about waste and recycling collection programs.

On the mobile app, you'll find the garbage, recycling, and special pickup collection schedule specific to your house address. The mobile app can also remind you of your collection day, so you'll never forget again!

Also in the mobile app, you can search our Recyclopedia to find out if a material can be reused, recycled, composted or disposed.

Residents can download our mobile app, **Recycle Right Westchester** For Apple <https://apps.apple.com/app/id1458125026>

For Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.sustainablewestchester.recollect.waste>



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UPDATE

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE VILLAGE

Construction undertaken by private developers continues on several apartment buildings in the Village, with significant progress being made. Here's a look at the status of each project:

70 Memorial Plaza
 The three-level underground is completed; installation of the HVAC, fire sprinkler, plumbing and storm water systems continues within the garage areas. Installation of the entire exterior thermal envelope is underway, which is estimated to be completed in approximately 4-6 months - weather dependent.

52 Depew Street
 Lower level garage area platform complete with the entire wood framing of the upper levels near completion. Installation of the exterior envelope and windows in progress.

NEW PARKING RULES IN MEMORIAL PLAZA

Parking spaces on the train side of the median have been restricted to permit holders on weekdays from 6 am to 3 pm. Based on changing parking demand and recommendations by parking consultants, the Village has passed new parking regulations for the Memorial Plaza lot. The lot will be reserved for permit holders only on weekdays from 6 am to 10 am. After 10 am on weekdays, and Saturday from 8 am to 6 pm, metered parking will be available to anyone. Pay stations have been installed, and people can pay by phone via the Pango mobile app. As the new regulations are implemented, the public will be advised.



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SUMMER FUN! IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE PLEASANTVILLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Day Camp Information available **February 28th**
 Junior Camp- 9am-12pm, 3 years old to entering Kindergarten (Children must be 3 years old by 12/1/2021 and must be toilet trained)
 Senior Camp- 9am-3pm (Wednesday 4pm), Entering 1st – 5th Grades

Teen Travel Camp- 9am – return times will vary, Entering 6th – 9th Grades
 Day Camp Registration - **March 21st**
 Spring Registration - **March 28th**
 Pool Registration - **April 18th**



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